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Ex-CIA officer loses bid for new spy trial

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WILLIAM PETER KAMPILES' bid for a new espionage trial was denied Tuesday by a federal judge who said a top-secret government report convinced him that Kampiles caused "monumental" damage to the nation's security when he sold a spy satellite manual to Russian agents.

United States District Judge Phil McNagney said at a hearing in Hammond that he based his decision on an analysis of the damage prepared by intelligence agencies for President Carter.

McNagney's reference to the report was the first public acknowledgement of its existence. Even defense attorneys didn't know about it.

Kampiles, 25, a Chicago native and former Central Intelligence Agency watch officer, was sentenced to 40 years in prison by McNagney in 1978. He was convicted of selling the Russians an American spy satellite manual he had stolen from CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

Michael D. Monico, Kampiles' attorney, argued Tuesday that the CIA deputy director, Leslie Dirks, misled the jurors and the judge about the extent of the damage to national security caused by the sale of the

manual.

DIRKS TESTIFIED at Kampiles' trial that the nation's defense and its ability to monitor Soviet compliance with Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II were severely impaired when the Russians obtained the manual.

Monico contended that testimony by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and other government officials before a U.S. Senate committee contradicted Dirks. McNagney rejected the contention, saying: "I simply don't believe Mr. Brown. I consider it a political statement; I consider it absolutely false."

Defense requests to subpoena Brown, Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the CIA, and two other government officials were denied by the judge.

Monico also argued that the Russians had obtained the same satellite secrets from two other young American spies before Kampiles sold the manual for \$3,000. The judge said the secret report contradicted that argument.